

\$2000 cash award following the presentation of all papers in Hawaii. The conditions for abstract submission, presentation, and publication as described above will apply. In addition, the *Samson Resident Prize Essay* box in the lower left hand corner of the form should be checked. A covering letter from the Chief of Service of the training program indicating the individual's year of training and the proportion of the work performed by the resident must be submitted. The authors of the abstracts chosen for the program will make up the finalists and will be notified by February 11, 2000, that they must submit *six completed manuscripts for review by the Prize Essay Committee*. The Prize Essay committee will make its selection following the presentation of all papers.

#### *Application for membership*

Applications for membership in the Association must have been received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than March 1, 2000, to be considered at the following annual meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

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## THE AMERICAN BOARD OF THORACIC SURGERY

### Notices

The Part I (written) examination will be held at the Hotel Sofitel, 5550 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018-5194, on November 19, 2000. The closing date for registration is August 1, 2000. Those wishing to be considered for examination must request an application since it is not automatically sent.

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination, a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board in force at the time the application is received. Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, One Rotary Center, Suite 803, Evanston, Illinois 60201 (telephone: 847-475-1520).

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## New Requirements for Recertification in the Year 2001

Diplomates of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery who plan to participate in the recertification process within the next few years should pay particular attention to this notice, since the requirements will change effective in the year 2001.

In addition to an active medical license and institutional clinical privileges in thoracic surgery, beginning in 2001, a valid certificate will be an absolute requirement for entrance into the recertification process. If your certificate has expired, the only pathway for renewal of a certificate will be to take and pass the

Part I (written) and the Part II (oral) certifying examinations.

In 2001, the American Board of Thoracic Surgery will no longer publish the names of individuals who have not recertified. In the past, a designation of "NR" (not recertified) was used in the American Board of Medical Specialties directories if a Diplomate had not recertified. The Diplomate's name will be published upon successful completion of the recertification process.

The CME requirements will also change in 2001. The new CME requirements will be 70 Category I credits in